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Director
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2430 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing here-
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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On August 27, 1958, Mr. Ferenc Koszorus and his wife, Gabriella, were interviewed jointly at their residence, 4840 McArthur Boulevard, N. W., Washington, D. C., Apartment 209.

Mr. Koszorus stated that he is fifty-nine years of age and from the age of seventeen years until 1946, when he fled Hungary into Germany because of Russian occupation, he served in the Hungarian military service. He stated that he attended the Military Academy in Budapest, Hungary, after which he worked his way up in rank to that of Colonel and served as a member of the Hungarian general staff in charge of all Hungarian Army Armored Divisions. He stated that he also served as Commander of the

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First Armored Division in the field during engagements with the Russian Army and was successful in all campaigns against superior odds. In addition, he has had extensive experience in teaching military tactics. Koszorus advised that if his knowledge and experience in the military field would be of any assistance to the United States Government, he would voluntarily offer his services.

Koszorus advised that while living in Munich, Germany, he met and married Mrs. Koszorus and they have a nine year old son, Ferenc Koszorus, Jr. He stated he and his family came to the United States in 1951, and in 1956 they became citizens of the United States. Koszorus related that after their arrival in the United States, he and his family lived in Watsonville, California, until about July of 1952, when they came to Washington, D.C., where they have resided to this date.

In relating events in his military career, Koszorus told of an incident which happened about 1940 when he was teaching at the Military Academy in Bucharest. He stated that several Soviet diplomatic officials received permission to visit the academy and he was one of the officers ordered to show them about. He stated it was quite evident to him that one of the Soviet officials attempted to foster his friendship and to "pump" him for information. Koszorus advised that he quickly discouraged this effort on the part of the Soviet.

After relating this incident, Koszorus and his wife were asked if either has had any other contacts with Soviet bloc officials. Both advised that they have had no contact with any Soviet bloc official and they know of no one who has contacted or been contacted by any Soviet or satellite official. Mr. and Mrs. Koszorus stated that because of the widespread plundering, killing and raping that they experienced in Europe, which took place under Soviet domination, they would find any association with Soviet bloc officials extremely distasteful, and if contacted by them, they would endeavor to terminate such an association as quickly as possible. At this point Koszorus stated that his background and opposition to Soviet Russia, both in military and civilian life, is undoubtedly well known to the Soviet bloc officials and he is doubtful that they would attempt to contact him.

Mr. Koszorus advised that all members of his immediate family were killed during the war years in Hungary and to his knowledge he has no living relatives in Europe. He also stated that he knows no one who is presently affiliated with the present Hungarian Government or any other Soviet bloc government, and he

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believes that all the Army officers and government officials whom he knew while serving with the Hungarian Army have now fled Hungary or have been killed by the Soviet Regime.

Mrs. Koszorus stated that her mother and sister are presently living in Hungary in extreme poverty and she is constantly fearful of their safety under the communist regime. She advised that on occasion she sends packages of clothing and medicine to her relatives; however, she does not send money because she believes that would bring unwanted attention of local communist officials upon her mother and sister.

During the course of general conversation, Mrs. Koszorus advised that she is an artist and exhibited several of her paintings. She stated that she is primarily engaged in doing commercial art work for the Fleetwood Art Company in New York City, and art work of a religious and humanitarian nature for such organizations as the Hungarian Federation, Incorporated, and the Hungarian Reform Federation of America, both located in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Koszorus advised that they are deeply interested in their religion and that their only outside activity is in relation to their membership in the Presbyterian Church.

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